

in the Iowa Air National Guard in 1966 as a jet mechanic, and has served as the top uniformed officer of the Iowa Guard for the past 9 years. As Adjutant General, he's led the Iowa Guard through the transformation from a strategic reserve to an operational force, and overseen the deployment of thousands of Iowa National Guard members to Iraq and Afghanistan. As chairman of the Rebuild Iowa Advisory Commission, General Dardis has also led the state's recovery efforts after this year's devastating storms. It's been my privilege to work with General Dardis on issues of importance to the Iowa Guard, including ensuring that soldiers who served in Iraq received the education benefits they deserved. It's also been an honor to work with him on our State's vital storm recovery efforts. I thank General Dardis for his invaluable service to the National Guard, the State of Iowa, and the United States, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

HONORING EDWARD TITUS ROACH

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Edward Titus Roach of Weston, Missouri. Edward is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1249, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Edward has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Edward has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Edward Titus Roach for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TRIBUTE TO MR. DREW JUDEN

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mrs. EMERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mr. Drew Juden, director of the Department of Public Safety in Sikeston, Missouri, on being named 2008 Donald Red Loehr Outstanding Police Chief—the highest honor a police chief can receive in our state.

In the many years I have known Director Juden, he has been a stalwart advocate for public safety. He distinguished himself by combating drug crime in Sikeston, by formulating calm, complete responses to statewide natural disasters, and by playing a key role in preparedness exercises for a potentially serious earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which includes Sikeston. On earthquake preparedness, Director Juden brings together local, State and Federal entities to cooperate in the face of a serious threat that could cripple

major transportation corridors, disrupt communications on a multistate basis, and interrupt energy supplies from coast to coast. Director Juden is more than a dedicated public servant, he is a leader who recognizes opportunities to think creatively to improve the systems that protect and serve our citizens.

In Sikeston, Director Juden has a reputation few police chiefs enjoy. He is widely respected, known to be fair, and trusted by everyone in the community for which he works. It is to Director Juden's credit that, as well-known and widely respected as he is, he approached his duty to the people of Sikeston and of Missouri as a public servant first.

By achieving this honor, Director Juden has earned well-deserved praise for his leadership role in law enforcement and disaster response preparedness. I sincerely hope that, by recognizing Drew Juden's many accomplishments with this award, the national law enforcement community also takes notice of the initiatives Director Juden continues to lead to keep Sikeston and other southern Missouri communities safe. I'm very proud to congratulate Drew Juden, 2008 Outstanding Police Chief for the State of Missouri, and to commend him to the U.S. House of Representatives for all of his hard work.

RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF LINDEN, MICHIGAN

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the City of Linden, Michigan, on their 20th Anniversary. A celebration will be held at Linden City Hall on Friday, December 12th.

Linden is located in southern Genesee County on the headwaters of the Shiawassee River. Consider Warner and Eben Harris built a sawmill on the river in 1840 and the village of Linden grew up around the mill. During the 1980s the residents of Linden decided to become a city and in 1988 the City of Linden was incorporated. The Charter Commission was comprised of Keith Wenger, chairperson; Judy Pieczynski, Secretary; Harvey C. Charbonneau; Robert Nellett; Doug Morgan; Marjorie Kimble; Craig Newberry; and Farrand Ward. Their goals were to provide better representation, better infrastructure, have a professional administration and still maintain the historic integrity of the town. To this end they decided on a council/manager form of government.

Over the past 20 years the City of Linden has worked to provide quality service to its residents. The city has completed 25 projects to enhance the infrastructure by paving streets and sidewalks, installing water and sewer lines, building a streetscape, façade projects, a water treatment plant, a playground and a boardwalk. The City also maintains a full-time police department, a 22-member fire department and a department of public works.

The City Council, Planning Commission and Historic District Commission work closely to preserve the historic nature of the city. They draw upon the resources of their local historian, Claude Cranston, for advice on the char-

acter of the early Linden area. In 2007 a fire destroyed a landmark historic building in the downtown area but the community pulled together to work around this loss.

Madam Speaker, please join me in applauding the City of Linden, Michigan, as the community comes together to celebrate its 20th anniversary. I congratulate the elected officials, the staff and inhabitants of this wonderful city. City Hall is centered on providing quality assistance to the residents. They have created a family friendly community rooted in the past but looking toward the future. I wish them continued success in the years ahead.

HONORING KYLE BUCK

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Buck of Kansas City, Missouri. Kyle is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1395, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Buck for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING HOLY GHOST DELIVERANCE MINISTRIES

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Madam Speaker. I rise to pay tribute and to welcome a place of solace, healing and faith that will soon be built to serve the community of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries Inc. held a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, November 29, 2008 to commemorate the construction of a new 7,000-seat sanctuary in Estate Barren Spot, St. Croix, which will be called the City of Refuge.

The sanctuary is being built to serve all citizens of the entire Virgin Islands, and I would like to commend Senior Pastor Mona L. Barnes, Apostle Eleanor A. Estrada, and the congregation of Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries for their vision and enduring passion for serving our community.

The church is currently building an independent living complex to provide much-needed housing for our elderly population. Fourteen of the 48 units being built will soon be dedicated and ready for occupancy.

Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries completed in 2001 the construction of a multipurpose gymnasium, which now serves as their

interim sanctuary. The church continues to provide programs that serve at-risk youth, particularly our young men.

The years of hard work and dedication to having this sanctuary built is a true testament to the perseverance of the leadership and congregation of Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries, their faith, and their unwavering conviction and belief that with God, all things are possible.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, I extend best wishes and God's blessings to Holy Ghost Deliverance Ministries as they aim to build the City of Refuge for the people of St. Croix. I am grateful for their dedication to serving God and the entire Virgin Islands community.

HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ANDREW W. BROWN, USAFR

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our brave men and women in uniform. LTC Andrew W. Brown, United States Air Force Reserve, was inducted into the Parkway Alumni Association Hall of Fame in St. Louis on November 15, 2008. The Parkway School District is located in my district and Lieutenant Colonel Brown graduated from Parkway West High School in 1982.

Among the many career highlights that recommended him for induction into the Parkway Hall of Fame is his service in Afghanistan. As a flight surgeon with the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing, Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, then Major Brown performed and assisted in over 100 combat casualty surgeries and procedures from 22 April to 31 August 2005. Under severe time constraints and throughout the day and night, his involvement saved the lives of numerous United States, Coalition, Afghan Army and Police forces. Lieutenant Colonel Brown was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal on 17 April 2006 for this outstanding achievement.

I am honored to represent Lieutenant Colonel Brown's family in the United States Congress and to honor him today.

HONORING DAVID MICHAEL
LEININGER

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize David Michael Leininger of Riverside, Missouri. David is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 1495, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

David has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the many years David has been involved with Scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending David Michael Leininger for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

IN HONOR OF MARCO DOMINGUEZ,
STATION MANAGER OF WIIH-
UNIVISION FOR INDIANA

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Marco Dominguez, who as the station manager/anchor of WIIH-TV for Indiana has become one of the most visible and influential advocates for the Latino community in Indianapolis.

Marco began his Indiana broadcasting career as the director of productions for WTBU, Butler University's television station, before moving to WIIH, Indiana's only Spanish television station. Later, amid increasing racial tensions, he founded Community Link, a program devoted to Latino and African American news. This program has helped to bring awareness to the needs and achievements of minorities and has improved relations across the city. In 2004, the United States Small Business Administration recognized his successful work on behalf of the Latino community by nominating him for the Indiana Small Business Journalist of the Year Award.

Marco's advocacy expands beyond broadcasting. Having developed a reputation for service, he receives thousands of requests for assistance from the Indianapolis immigrant community, which he diligently works to grant. Additionally, as an active member of organizations including the Indianapolis Press Club Foundation, Better Business Bureau, United Way Central Indiana Committee on Diversity, Latino Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, and the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Marco provides a strong voice for the needs of Latinos across Indianapolis.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Marco Dominguez, whose efforts have helped countless Latinos become an integral part of our city. He should serve as an example to community leaders everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO HCCC MEN'S SOCCER
TEAM

HON. MICHAEL A. ARCURI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. ARCURI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Herkimer County Community College, HCCC, Men's Soccer Team in my congressional district in Upstate New York. This year, the team won the National Junior College Athletic Association, NJCAA, Division III National Soccer Championship. Herkimer defeated Triton College 2-1 on November 9 at the tournament hosted by Richland College in Dallas, Texas. The victory marks the HCCC Generals' seventh NJCAA Division III National Championship in soccer and the 31st team

National Championship for all of the school's athletic programs.

HCCC finished with a record of 20 wins, 3 losses and 0 ties. Over its history, the team has amassed a total record of 472 wins, 75 losses and 26 ties. Four student athletes were named to the Final Four All-Tournament Team. They include Demetrius Lawrence of Reading, England; Kariym Balthazar of Brooklyn, New York; Sean Trinidad of White Plains, New York; and James Taber of Liverpool, New York. Fellow team member Joeski Williams of Bronx, New York, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Five of the team's players received the designation of All-Conference this season, and seniors Harry Appiah and Lee Martins were named to the NJCAA All-American Team. Martins was also named the 2008 National Soccer Coaches Association of America Junior College National Player of the Year, and the 2008 NJCAA Region III and Mountain Valley Conference Player of the Year.

The team's coach, Pepe Aragon, was named NJCAA National Coach of the Final Four tournament after earning his 200th win this season. In his 11 seasons coaching the team, Aragon has amassed a record of 203 wins, 19 losses and 1 tie. For these impressive accomplishments, he was also inducted into the NJCAA Hall of Fame.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the Herkimer County Community College Men's Soccer Team and their coach. Pepe Aragon, who are to be commended for their great accomplishments. Please join me in congratulating the entire team on their victory.

REFLECTIONS ON THE LIFE OF
NED LOOK—1917–2008

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I was introduced about 40 years ago to Ned Look. I was a college student at the time and we were organizing a campaign on this goofy idea to allow young people to vote. Very quickly, a number of the arrows pointed to Ned Look as somebody I should sit down and talk with in order to understand how the community worked. Even then, Ned was an institution. He was well known in the Portland City Club and a leading member of the Portland Development Commission, spearheading redevelopment and the Civic Auditorium. He was a tireless volunteer, somebody who drew strength from civic activities. He was a busy guy. At that time he was still a banker, but he had the time to sit down and talk through whatever was on your mind, giving you a sense of the community's vitality. It was a marvelous experience for me, learning not just about a campaign, but about the community I grew up in. I found I didn't really know much about my community until I had a chance to interact with Ned.

At that point, Portland had two big banks, several corporate headquarters, a couple of timber companies and utilities, and a single phone company. "Tech" meant Tektronix. There was a core of community members who made contributions, who moved with civic and political activities; Portland even had two political parties at that point. Ned was conversant and connected with them all.